

**REQUEST**

FOR

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

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provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number

09/993,897

Filing Date

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First Named Inventor

FUKUMI

Group Art Unit

2812

Examiner Name

Roman, Angel

Attorney Docket Number

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1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on

December 30, 2002

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed oniii. ☐ Otherb. ☐ Enclosedi. ☐ Amendment/Replyii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)iv. ☐ Other2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1140i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. ☐ Other

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b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1160.00 for RCE Filing Fee and 2-

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c. ☐ Payment by credit card (For PTO-2038 enclosed)**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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